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SUBJECT: VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT - SUGGESTIONS FOR MRS. MONDALE'S
SCHEDULE

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1. IN CONSULTATION WITH AMBASSADOR LEWIS, WE HAVE DEVELOPED
SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR SITES IN JERUSALEM MRS. MONDALE AND
DAUGHTER MIGHT WISH TO VISIT. WE ASSUME MRS. MONDALE WILL
ACCOMPANY VP ON CERTAIN OCCASIONS(E.G. CALL ON PRESIDENT
NAVON), AND VISITS MIGHT HAVE TO BE SANDWICHED IN AS TIME
PERMITS. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE KNOWING SPECIAL INTERESTS
OF MISS MONDALE IF THEY ARE NOT COVERED BY SUGGESTIONS BELOW.

2. IF MRS. MONDALE HAS NOT VISITED JERUSALEM PREVIOUSLY, SHE
MIGHT WISH TO VISIT HOLY PLACES (ALL LOCATED IN EAST JERUSALEM).
POSSIBLE ITINERARY (2 - 2 1/2 HOURS) COULD INCLUDE:

(A) MOUNT OF OLIVES. PANORAMIC VIEW OF OLD CITY AND KIDRON
VALLEY.

(B) WESTERN (WAILING) WALL. SACRED TO JEWS.

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(C) TEMPLE MOUNT - HARAM ESH SHAIF. FORMER SITE OF
FIRST AND SECOND TEMPLES, NOW OCCUPIED BY EL AQSA AND DOME
OF THE ROCK MOSQUES. THIRD HOLIEST SITE IN ISLAM. DOME OF
THE ROCK IS ONE OF THE OLDEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL MOSLEM
BUILDINGS.

(D) HOLY SEPULCHER. CRUSADER CHURCH BUILT OVER TRADITIONAL

SITE OF CALVARY AND CHRIST'S TOMB.

3. IF MORE TIME IS AVAILABLE, THE VIA DOLOROSA COULD BE VISITED (TRADITIONAL ROUTE OF CHRIST FROM PLACE OF JUDGMENT TO CALVARY). ST. ANNE'S CHURCH (TRADITIONAL BIRTHPLACE OF VIRGIN MARY) AND POOL OF BETHESDA COULD ALSO BE INCLUDED. (1 1/2 TO 2 HOURS ON FOOT.)

4. VIA DOLOROSA COULD BE COMBINED WITH A VISIT TO THE CHURCH OF ALL NATIONS AT GETHSEMANE, TRADITIONAL SITE OF THE PASSION WITH GARDEN OF ANCIENT OLIVE TREES. (FIFTEEN MINUTES).

5. ART AND HANDICRAFTS. GIVEN MRS MONDALES'S INTEREST IN THE ARTS, WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTIONS RANKED IN RELATIVE IMPORTANCE. ALL IN WEST JERUSALEM.

(A) THE ISRAEL MUSEUM. CERTAINLY THE FINEST MODERN MUSEUM IN THE MIDDLE EAST. COMPRISES THE SHRINE OF THE BOOK (DEAD SEA SCROLLS); BILLY ROSE SCULPTURE GARDEN; ARCHEOLOGY; JUDAICA; PAINTINGS. (TO HAVE OVERVIEW OF MAIN SECTIONS WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO HOURS.) VISIT CAN BE TAILORED TO TIME AVAILABLE. OPEN ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, AS WELL AS WEEKDAYS.

(B) ARTS AND CRAFTS CENTER (KHUTZOT HAYOTZER). COMPLEX
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OF ANCIENT BUILDINGS CONVERTED INTO MODERN STUDIOS AND GALLERIES. MOSAICS, CERAMICS, SCULPTURE, PAINTINGS, JEWELRY, FABRICS.

(C) JERUSALEM HOUSE OF QUALITY. CENTER FOR PRODUCTION, EXHIBITION AND MARKETING OF QUALITY HANDICRAFTS, INCLUDING CERAMICS, JEWELRY, WOODWORK, FABRIC. ARTISANS WORKSHOPS CAN BE VISITED.

(D) ARTISTS HOUSE. LOCATED IN A FORMER TURKISH HAREM. A CENTER FOR JERUSALEM'S MANY ARTISTS. LIMITED EXHIBITION OF MODERN PAINTINGS BY LOCAL ARTISTS. (FROM POINT OF VIEW OF QUANTITY AND QUALITY, (B) ABOVE IS SUPERIOR.)

6. ARCHAEOLOGY. THE MOST FAMOUS SITE IS MAZAR'S EXCAVATION NEAR THE TEMPLE MOUNT WHICH HAS UNCOVERED HERODIAN, BYZANTINE, MOSLEM AND CRUSADER REMAINS. THESE ARE THE CONTROVERSIAL EXCAVATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED IN UNESCO. BELIEVE VISIT TO THIS SITE COULD BE ARRANGED SO AS TO MINIMIZE CHANCE OF ADVERSE PUBLICITY FROM ARAB VIEWPOINT. (ONE HOUR) AN ALTERNATE OR ADDITIONAL POSSIBILITY IS A SCALE MODEL OF JERUSALEM IN THE TIME OF HEROD AT THE HOLY LAD HOTEL NEAR YAD YASHEM. (THIRTY TO

FORTY-FIVE MINUTES).

7. MUSIC. THE JERUSALEM MUSIC CENTER IS LOCATED IN MISHKENOT SHA'ANANIM. THIS IS A REBUILT QUARTER FOR FOR ARTISTS AND INTELLECTUALS SPONSORED BY THE JERUSALEM FOUNDATION HEADED BY MAYOR KOLLEK.

8. YOUTH ACTIVITIES. VARIOUS POSSIBILITIES EXIST. THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL CENTER FOR YOUTH WAS STARTED BY AMERICAN JEWS ABOUT THE TIME ISRAEL WAS BORN. HAS HAD A CERTAIN SUCCESS IN BRINGING TOGETHER ARAB AND JEWISH YOUTH. CHANGING EXHIBITIONS.

9. MEDICAL. HADASSAH HOSPITAL (EIN KEREM). BUILT BY
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HADASSAH WOMEN'S ZIONIST ORGANIZATION OF AMERICA. LARGE MODERN HOSPITAL AND TEACHING CENTER. CHAGALL'S STAINED GLASS WINDOWS DEPICTING THE TWELVE TRIBES ARE IN THE HOSPITAL'S SYNAGOGUE.

10. BASED ON EXPERIENCE WITH PAST CABINET-LEVEL VISITS, ADEQUATE LEAD TIME MUST BE GIVEN FOR SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN OLD CITY. EASIEST PLACES IN OLD CITY TO VISIT ARE:

2. (A), (B), (C) AND 4. TWO (D) AND 3 MUST BE VISITED ON FOOT AND REQUIRE DIFFERENT ARRANGEMENTS FROM SITES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE BY VEHICLE.

11. CONSUL GENERAL WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MRS. MONDALE IN COORDINATION WITH EMBASSY AND GOI. CONSUL GENERAL WOULD ALSO BE HAPPY TO ACCOMPANY MRS. MONDALE AND TO PROVIDE SPECIALIZED GUIDES WHERE DESIRED. ASSUME MRS. LEWIS AND PERHAPS OTHERS OF OFFICIAL PARTY (IN ADDITION TO U.S. AND ISRAELI SECURITY) WOULD ACCOMPANY.

12. CONSUL GENERAL AND MRS. NEWLIN WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HOST A LUNCHEON OR OTHER SOCIAL FUNCTION FOR MRS. MONDALE. INTERESTED ISRAELIS PROMINENT IN THE ARTS COULD BE INCLUDED IF DESIRED. ALTERNATIVELY, SMALL INFORMAL LUNCHEON COULD BE SANDWICHED IN TO VISIT

TO ABOVE SITES IF MORE CONVENIENT.
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